

8.01: Pharmacy Interns

(1) To be eligible for personal registration as a pharmacist a candidate shall have completed a pharmacy internship. A pharmacy intern shall have:

- (a) completed two years of education, or achieved standing as a student beyond the second year, in an approved college/school of pharmacy in which the candidate is currently enrolled; and
- (b) completed 1500 hours of Board-approved pharmacy internship experience, of which:
 - 1. at least ~~1100~~ 1000 hours has been acquired in a pharmacy or pharmacy-related setting approved by the Board; and
 - 2. no more than ~~400~~ 500 hours has been acquired in any one, or any combination of, Board-approved internships(s) in the following areas:
 - a. ~~a Board-approved internship in~~ clinical pharmacy;
 - b. ~~a Board-approved internship in a~~ demonstration project;
 - c. ~~a Board-approved internship in~~ manufacturing; and/or
 - d. ~~a Board-approved internship in~~ analytical and/or industrial pharmacy.

(5) (a) Before the commencement of a pharmacy internship in Massachusetts, persons who are enrolled, either full or part-time, in an approved college/school of pharmacy shall record, on a form provided by the Board, certain information regarding the internship as the Board shall require. This form shall be fully completed and returned to the Board before commencement of any internship. This information shall include:

- 1. ~~(a)~~ The applicant's name;
- 2. ~~(b)~~ the applicant's address;
- 3. ~~(c)~~ the applicant's date of birth;
- 4. ~~(d)~~ have attached thereto a recent passport-size photo revealing the applicant's likeness; and
- 5. ~~(e)~~ a certified statement by the approved college/school of pharmacy which indicates that the applicant has completed two years of education or has achieved standing as a student beyond the second year.

(b) Graduates of a non-approved college/school of pharmacy. Before the commencement of a pharmacy internship in Massachusetts, a graduate of a non-approved college/school of pharmacy must have current authorization from NABP to sit for the FPGEE and must provide a copy of the NABP FPGEE authorization to the Board and any other documentation required by the Board.

8.04: Certified Pharmacy Technicians

(2) Certified Pharmacy Technician Duties and Responsibilities.

- (a) A pharmacy technician eligible to function as a certified pharmacy technician shall wear a name tag with the individual's name and the title "Certified Pharmacy Technician".
- (b) A certified pharmacy technician may relay to the patient or responsible person the pharmacist's "offer to counsel", as referenced in M.G.L. c. 94C, § 21A and 247 CMR 9.07(3).

(c) A certified pharmacy technician, after identifying him/herself as such, may request refill authorizations from the prescriber or prescriber's agent and, with the approval of the pharmacist on duty, receive new or omitted prescription information from the prescriber or agent, except where otherwise prohibited by federal or state law and regulations.

(d) A certified pharmacy technician may, with the approval of the pharmacist on duty, perform prescription transfers between pharmacies or pharmacy departments for prescriptions issued for controlled substances in Schedule VI only, any such transfer to be in accordance with the requirements of 247 CMR 9.02.

~~(d)~~ (e) A certified pharmacy technician may **not** administer controlled substances; perform drug utilization review; conduct clinical conflict resolution; contact prescribers concerning prescription drug order clarification or therapy modification; provide patient counseling; or perform dispensing process validation.

8.07: Registration and Renewal Procedures; General Requirements

(3) General Requirements.

(a) A pharmacy technician who changes his or her ~~place of employment, residence~~ mailing address or name shall notify the Board of such change(s) in writing within ten working days of such changes(s) (M.G.L. c. 112, § 24F). In the case of a change of name, the pharmacy technician shall submit a sworn statement indicating that the pharmacy technician has changed his or her name with a photocopy of a valid picture identification card.